

San Diego Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Grant Proposal Eligible Applicant Documentation

Attachment 2 consists of the following items:

✓ **Eligibility Statement**

Below is statement explaining why the San Diego County Water Authority is an eligible applicant for the IRWM Planning Grant.

The Water Authority is applying for this Planning Grant on behalf of the participating entities in the San Diego IRWM program. The Water Authority is an eligible applicant as described below:

1. The Water Authority is a local agency as defined in Appendix B of the IRWM Grant Program Guidelines. The Water Authority is the regional water wholesale agency within San Diego County, whose mission is to provide a safe and reliable supply of water to its 24 member agencies.
2. The Water Authority is a county water district organized and existing under Division 12, commencing with §30000, of the California Water Code. The Water Authority was organized under the County Water Authority Act of 1943 to serve as the San Diego Region's water wholesaler.
3. The Water Authority has legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California. Per the adopted *Memorandum of Understanding for the Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program for FYs 2009-2013*, the RWMG determined that the Water Authority shall have overall responsibility for submitting all applications to the State on behalf of the parties (refer to Attachment 1). Resolution 2010-17 authorizes the Water Authority to submit this San Diego IRWM Planning Grant Proposal and execute an agreement with the State of California for IRWM planning activities (refer to Attachment 1).
4. The Water Authority, the City of San Diego, and the County of San Diego jointly developed and adopted a *Memorandum of Understanding for the Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program for FYs 2009-2013* (refer to Attachment 1). This MOU replaced the original MOU (dated June 13, 2005), as amended, between the Water Authority, the City, and the County for FYs 2005-2009 of the IRWM Grant Program which formed the RWMG and directed the development of the 2007 IRWM Plan. Section 3a of the MOU states that the "Water Authority shall have overall responsibility for administering the Proposition 50 Program grants in the San Diego Region unless other mutually agreeable arrangements are made with the granting agencies or among the Parties. Administrative tasks include contracting with the State and Parties, coordinating and submitting reports, and responding to any audit requests by the granting agency." Should the San Diego IRWM Region receive a Planning Grant, the MOU will be amended to define roles and responsibilities for management of Planning Grant funds.

